

II. Remarks

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-30 are canceled. Claims 31-46 are pending.

B. Restriction Requirement

Office Action

The Office Action recites 6 inventions at pages 2-5 as follows:

Group I: Claims 31-32 drawn to a ball mill process and apparatus with non-spherical media;

Group II: Claims 33-35 drawn to a ball mill process and apparatus with spherical media;

Group III: Claim 36 drawn to a process for ball milling a particular material;

Group IV: Claim 37-38 drawn to ball mill process and apparatus including a vial having an internal grill;

Group V: Claims 39-42, drawn to a ball mill kit; and

Group VI: Claims 43-46 drawn to a ball mill process using media of specific dimension.

Response

Applicants elect the Group I invention, Claims 31-32. Claims 31-32 read on the elected invention.

C. Conclusion

Applicant believes that the foregoing remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this document, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative, Gloria L. Norberg at 512-721-3654 for discussion.

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